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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NIH OFFICIAL

1. DR. THOMAS M. CHASE, SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL AND COMMUNICATIVE DISORDERS AND STROKES OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH PLANS TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA FROM OCTOBER 2 TO OCTOBER 21 AND KENYA FROM OCTOBER 21 TO 26.

2. FOR PRETORIA: DR. CHASE IS VISITING AT THE INVITATION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACOLOGICAL SOCIETY. WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA DR. CHASE WILL ALSO PRESENT LECTURES AT THE MEDICAL FACULTIES OF THE FOLLOWING UNIVERSITIES: POTCHEFSTROOM (OCTOBER 3-5), PRETORIA (OCTOBER 6), WITWATERSRAND (OCTOBER 7), ORANGE FREE STATE (OCTOBER 9), CAPE TOWN AND STELLENBOSCH (OCTOBER 10-15), AND NATAL (OCTOBER 15-18). FROM OCTOBER 18-20 HE WILL ATTEND THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACOLOGY AND PHYSIOLOGY CONGRESS IN DURBAN.

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3. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ABOUT CURRENT SOUTH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS, DEPTOFF ALLUDED TO CONTROVERSY SURROUNDING MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR

BLACKS AND SUGGESTED THAT, PENDING EMBASSY PRETORIA CONCURRENCE AND GUIDANCE, HE MIGHT WISH VISIT UNIVERSITY OF DURBAN/WESTVILLE OR OTHER INSTITUTION IN ORDER TO DEMONSTRATE HIS CONCERN FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION FOR BLACKS. DR. CHASE READILY AGREED, AND WE RECOMMEND THAT EMBASSY OR CONGEN DURBAN PROCEED TO TAKE UP ANY SUGGESTIONS IT MIGHT HAVE WITH MR. W. P. LEARY, SECRETARY OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PHARMACOLOGICAL SOCIETY, DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY AT CONGELLA DURBAN. DR. CHASE REQUESTED NO SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FROM POSTS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

4. FOR NAIROBI: DR. CHASE HAS INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO VISIT MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND/OR OTHER INSTITUTIONS IN KENYA ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES IN HIS FIELD IF EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH VISITS WOULD BE USEFUL. (DR. CHASE IS NOT REQUESTING EMBASSY ASSISTANCE DURING HIS KENYA VISIT OUTSIDE OF THESE POSSIBLE OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES.) REQUEST EMBASSY VIEWS AND NAME OF CONTACT OFFICER FOR PASSING TO DR. CHASE. (AFTER OCTOBER 2, INFORMATION SHOULD BE SENT ACTION EMBASSY PRETORIA, INFO DURBAN AND CAPE TOWN FOR PASSING TO DR. CHASE.)

5. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: DR. CHASE, WHO IS A NEUROLOGIST, REQUESTED DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEER HIS SERVICES AS CLINICIAN IN HIS FIELD, AND AS SPEAKER AS HE HAS DONE ON SIMILAR VISITS TO OTHER AREAS OF THE WORLD.

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